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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
23/1		Board of Revenue	Register of Petitions for Sep. 36
23/1		Do	Do for October 36
1/2		Do	Prohibiting agitation of the question regarding supply of articles at the festivals of the Devastanams
14/2		Do	Directing Moonsiffs to remit daily to the Talug Treasury all sums exceeding Rs. 20 in their Cutcherry.
14/2		Do	Register of Petitions for November 36.
23/2		Do	Calling for information if the Head Sheristadar exercises general Control over the Stamp department and issuing certain rules for the sales and receipt of Stamps.
		Do	Transmitting for his information an Extract from the Minutes of

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			Consultation of the 21 Feb. in which Government fully [illegible] concur with the Board's Sentiments on the impropriety of interfering with the [illegible] Customs, regarding the management of Pagodas as prevailing in his District.
2/3		Board of Revenue	Desiring him to furnish an account of the revenue derived by certain Temples in his Dist from the Fisheries at Quanal in Fuslies 1240-4[illegible] and 44 and at Tuticorin in fuslies 1227, 31-37 and 39 and State what [illegible] of Compensation may fairly allowed [illegible] the right of empl[illegible] in the Pearl Fi[illegible] under the Ceylon Go[illegible]
1/5		Do	Transmitting Ex[illegible] the minutes of Consultation [illegible]

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			under date the 31st December 36 and requesting him to pay particular attention to the wishes of Government, as pointed out therein for encouraging the growth of the Jack and Bread fruit trees as much as possible along the avenues on the principal high roads and as an inducement for vesting in the cultivators a right to the property raised unencumbered by any public demand
3		Board of Revenue	Desiring him to explain with reference to Petition No 832 of 36 whether the Cowle granted to Petitioner by Mr Peter is in accordance with the terms of the Cowle[illegible] then generally issued and whether he is of opinion that any particular indulgence should be granted to them.

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Date	Number	From whom received	Substance.
20/3	"	Bd. of Revenue	Calling for explanation of the principles on which the remuneration of Village officers is regulated in his District.
6/4	"	do	Communicating Endorsement made on Petition No 832 of 36
do	"	do	Desiring that the claim to employ the Rameswaram Pagoda's Boats in the Ceylon Pearl Fishery should be made as usual and that it would seem advisable that the managers of the Pagodas sh[ould] be left to make their arrangement regard[ing] the employment of such boats as the Ceylon Gov[t] may admit.
7/4	"	do	Forwarding Resolution of the Govt of India that pent

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			rent free lands should not be given to missionaries who are to be on the same footing as other European Subjects
17/1		Bd of Rev	Register of Petitions for December 36.
1/5		— do —	Approving the measure reported in his letter of the 22d April of the reconciliation of the Zamindari of Ramnad and Pandaram of Rameswaram
6/5		— do —	Minutes of Consultation authorising restoration of the Mailacotay Zamindary to the late proprietor on his paying the balance due to Govt
15/5		— do —	Register of Petitions ~~of~~ for March 37
do		— do —	Forwarding para 64 of a general letter from the Court of Directors

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			Resolving that the Govent and adjacent Native States should act reciprocally in affording assistance to each other in re-apprehending Revenue defaulters.
22/5		Bd of Rev	Calling for information required by the Govent of India on the Subject of Hindu and Mahomedan religious Establishments [not found in the file]
[illegible]/5		do	Forwarding Copies of Petition rules of the 16 instant for publication in the District.
[illegible]6		do	Desiring to know if there are any relations of the late Poligar of Guntamanaickanur Compe[illegible] to the management of [illegible] Pollum [not found in the [illegible]
[illegible]6		do	Calling for a full report [illegible]

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			Circumstances of the Mullipandy Shotrium village
12/6		Bd of Revenue	Calling for the extent, value, and dates of alienations of land in Sivagangaas referred to in the Collector's letter of the 6th instant [not found in the file]
22/6		do	Forwarding para 21 of the despatch of the 28th Sept 36 from the Court of Directors directing the greatest care towards the realisation of the Govt demand from the Ryots within the fusli and on failure to dispose of it without oppressing them.
4/7		do	Register of Petition f. or April 37
17/7		do	Sanctioning the erection of a Choultry at Sulempatti and requesting him to intimate to Subramania Pillai that the extent of the grant of manniam land will depend

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			on the expense he is put to by erecting and maintaining the building in a Condition serviceable to the Public
20/7		Bd of Rev	Stating in reply to his letter of the 7th instant that no documents have been discovered in the Board's Records to shew that Mr Hurdes decision in the Case of the Zamindar of Thevarom and Coomleay has ever been set aside
do		do	Requiring sentiments on certain propositions in Cases of suits for debt giving either party the right to claim their trial by Punchayet under Reg XII of 1816 and V. of 1822
24/7		do	Requesting answers to queries proposed by the Indian law Commission on the subject of holding lands under fictitious names.

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27/7	"	Do	Calling for information regarding the precise date of the Purwanah purporting to have been granted by the Nabob Anwartel Omrah to Abba... ally allowing him to hold certain land free from assessment.
7/8	"	Do	Sanctioning waste land of the annual value of Rs ... for the support of each of the Choultries erected by Arunachalam Pillai and Annaji Row at Sulimpu... and Devanapatty.
Do.	"	Do	Transmitting for his information and guidance Copy of the Board's letter to Government dated 17th ultimo

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			with transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation thereon directing him to report if the mother of the minor Poligar of Goontamanaickanoor is prepared to assume the management of the Pollum
			[not found in the file]
8	"	Bd of Rev	Transmitting printed Copies of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation regarding experimental ploughs.
/9	do	Do	Supporting Collrs recommendation for the appointment of 5 Amnums at a monthly pay of 7 Rs each for villages on the Palani Hills and various other remarks
/9	"	Do	Informing him that Govert have seen strong grounds to believe that the Purwanah under which Mahomed Abbas

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			ally claimed exemption of taxation on a certain garden is not a genuine document and returning to him, for such enquiries he may see fit to institute, the original papers connected with the Case
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28/9	"	Do	Sanctioning appointment of 5 Curnoms on a monthly Salary of Rs 7 each for Palani Hills
2/10	"	Do	Postponing Consideration of Enams to the Nattamgars and Curnoms of the Ediacottah Zamindary on the plea that the Zamindar would of course make his own arrangements on resuming possession of the Pollium

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	do	Authorising restoration of 83 $\frac{15}{16}$ Cawnies of land granted to certain Brahmins by the Pollegar of Mutton on Dharmasanam tenure in the village of Pandagoody as recommended by the Collr on the 31st
	do	Directing the Shotriemdar of Mullipaudy be required to surrender his right to the chuttrum to Govt upon a small provision being made to Rungasami Ayen (the Shotriemdar) for life
	do	Authorising the allowance drawn

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		Do	Sanctioning the grant of certain lands in remuneration to village officers and in exchange for other Service lands which have become unfit for Cultivation.
		Do	Forwarding printed Copy of Extract from the Court of Direct Directors Despatch approving the re employment of natives dismissed not for personal misconduct without the

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3/11		Do	Approving of the measure reported in the Collr's letter of the 31st ultimo of rec. Ammaul's Consent to take charge of the Goontamanayakanoor Pollium on behalf of her infant Son [not found in the file]
		Do	Directions to give effect to the wishes of the Court of Directors to tax Sugar cane land at the Same Rate as irrigated rice land
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Revenue Department

To

The Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 15th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of September last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Depy Secretary

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
19th January 1837.

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Madura

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of September 1836

No. of the Petitions	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
815	From Solamalaya Pillay the Meraspy Curnum of the Pagodahs situated in Teroopaloor Connacoody Teroomayel subject to Sevagunga Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura —	Prays he may be permitted to conduct the affairs of the Pagoda in conjunction with the Superintendent.	Petitioner should address the Principal Collector of Madura who will pass such orders as he may see fit in the matter referred to — 8th September 1836.
822	From Kistnyen Head Mahajanum of Coonnatoor Village in the Zillah of Madura —	Complains of the issue of Puttahs to his adversaries contrary to decisions passed by former authorities in the same matter	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to explain by endorsement the circumstances from which the present Complaint originates — 19th September 1836

852	From Cottheezaza Ramaswamy Inhabitant of Palany in the Zillah of Madura —	Prays that the Puttah for certain lands may be issued in his name	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for inquiry and disposal 19th September 1836 —
876 of 835	From Ramasawmy Pulley Kurnum of Nagavatta Village in the Zillah of Madura —	Complains of his removal from office on a false charge	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for such orders as may seem to be required 22d September 1836
91	From Ramasawmy Naick residing at Madura	Complains of the levy of quit Rent on certain lands alleged not to have been in his occupation. —	Petitioner should address the Principal Collector of Madura who will dispose of his case 22d September 1836
924	From Agilandammal an Soolingum Odeaver widow nephew of Lingoo Nadaveer or Vadesour Moonpeidar of Meenatchy Amman Pagoda in Madura	Pray that certain Mirassy usurped by another, may be continued to them as representatives of the last incumbent —	Referred to the Princl. Collector of Madura for such inquiry and orders as may seem to be required — 26th September 1836
32	From Madar Khan of Madura	Prays that the Princl. Collector may be instructed to abide by the conditions of a Cowle granted to him and complains of the demand of an enhanced assessment thereon	The Principal Collr. of Madura will be pleased to report on this Petition by endorsement 26th September, 1836

(True Extract)

A Porter

Dy. Secretary. —

Recd 30 Jany 1837

Compd. Lambert

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Revenue Department

To

The Collector of

Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826 to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of October last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R Porter

Depy Secretary

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
23d January 1837
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Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of October 18[illegible]

No. of the Petitions	Names of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petitions	Orders of the Board
886	From certain Mahajanums of Tencara Village in the Zillah of Madura.	Complain of the alleged intention of the Principal Collector to increase the public demand on their lands reduced by Mr. Peter on the ground of its being too high. –	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for consideration and report by endorsement. – 6th October, 1836. –
115	From Syed Naxirully Katheepan Syed Ismail Vaish Eenam of Poolyputty in the Talook of Mallore in Madura.	Praying for the surplus proceeds of their Enam Village of Poolyputty for fusly 1237 which have never yet been paid to them. –	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for report by endorsement. 31st October 1836.

108	From Dorasawmy Tauer the Guardian and manager of the adopted son of the late Streematoo Mootoovejaya Ragoo:nada Gooroo Vul:laba Pariya Woodia:tavur the deceased Zemindar of Sevagun:gah.	Praying that the amount of arrears of Moturpha due to the Zemindar may be kept in deposit, until the court have decided on his claim to the Zemindary and that the arrears of Peshcush of 200000 Rupees may be collected from the present occupant.	Referred for disposal to the Principal Collector of Madura. — 10th October 1836.
✓ 352	From Ambalavana Pillay Meerasy Curnum of Teroochena:durcacoody Davustanum in the Zillah of Madura. —	Complains of his having been deprived by the present Principal Collector of an office conferred by the late Principal Collector Mr. Peter.	Referred for enquiry to the Principal Collector of Madura, who will note by endorsement the orders he may pass thereon. — 3? Octr

871 From Kystnyen Merassidar of Coomatoor Village in the Zillah of Madura. —	Complains of his removal from office.	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to dispose of this Petition. — 5th October 1836.
1007 From Sattho Row Masoomdar of Teroomungalum in the Zillah of Madura. —	Offers explanation of certain matters in which his conduct has been impugned, and prays for enquiry therein. —	Referred for enquiry and disposal to the Principal Collector of Madura. — 31st October 1836.

(True Extract)

[signature]
Dy. Secretary

Recd 30th Jany 1837 /15

Comp.d [signature]

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Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th February 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 25th January 1837.

(Here enter No.)

Para 1. Mr Blackburne says there is no authority but custom for the practice here brought to notice. Custom however is a very strong warrant for it, and the usage it is to be remembered is not confined to the Madura District but prevails elsewhere. It is probable that in fixing the ordinary revenue for which the villages in question are liable, allowance was made for such extra demands, and that on the whole they are not taxed

taxed above the average. The right to make such requisitions is a privilege of the Pagodas which can hardly be abolished without compensation, nor does it appear to be at the discretion of the officers of Government to abstain from the enforcement of this privilege, while they retain the general management of the Pagoda revenues.

2 When the whole subject of the management of the Pagoda revenues comes under the consideration of Government with a view to a general regulation and reform of the existing system of administration upon determined principles, this and other usages objectionable in principle and liable to abuse

may

may be dealt with generally; but while there is no complaint against these requisitions in the Madura District particularly, and no proof appears of their having been abused, the Board do not think it necessary to interfere with them. The same checks which exist to prevent over collection in other Departments are available for the prevention of undue exactions in these Villages beyond what are sanctioned by custom and usage.

The Board trust that the Principal Collector will be particularly cautious in publicly agitating questions of this nature without the authority of Government.

Ordered that Extract from these proceedings be submitted

for

[f]or the information of the Government
[a]t the same time that they are
[c]ommunicated to the Principal
Collector.

(True Extract)

Rec^d 19^th Feby [?]

[signature]
Secretary

Com[?] [?]

Judicial Department

No. 175

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th February 1837 -

Read the following letter from the Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut.-

(Here enter 3d February 1837 No. 24)

Para. 2 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the suggestion contained in para 3 and desires the Judges will issue instructions accordingly - A copy of the above paragraph and of para 2 of this Resolution will be transmitted to the Board of Revenue for the purpose of being communicated to the Revenue authorities in the Provinces for their guidance.

Extract

Extract from a letter from the Register of the Sudr Udalut dated 3^d February 1837

Para 3. Considering some of the suggestions contained in the fifth para=graph of the Zillah Judge's letter to be worthy of adoption, the Judges of the Sudr Udalut beg further to recommend "that "in all cases where the Moonsiff's Office "and the Talook Cutcherry are close, the "Moonsiff be required to remit daily to "the Talook Treasury whatever sum he "has in his Cutcherry provided it exceed "twenty Rupees; and that in the few "cases where the distance would render "this inconvenient, the remittance be "not made more than once in three "days," and that where the Talook

Cutcherry

Cutcherry may not be within a reason-
-able distance from that of the District
Moonsiff, the Collector be authorized,
on the application of the Moonsiff &
conveyed through the Judge of the Zillah,
to furnish a Guard for the safe custody
of the Public money in its transit from
one place to the other. -

(True Extracts)

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secretary.

(A true Copy)

H. D. Phillips
Dy Secretary.

To the Collectors in the Provinces
for their information and
guidance. -

Recd 5 March

Comp. R. Newbigging.

Revenue Department

To –
The Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of November last.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Dy Secretary

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
16 February 1837
Recd 5th March

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of November 1836.

No. of the Petition	Name of the Petitioners	Purport of the Petition.	Order of the Board.
922	From Soondaramyen late Sumpraty of Salt Pan Vuttarium in the Zillah of Madura.	Complains of the imposition of a fine and sale of his landed property to realize the same, altho' his successor had given a receipt for the correctness of his charge. claims also arrears of salary and surplus proceeds of the sale of his lands.	Referred to the Pl. Collector of Madura for report by Endorsement. 10th November 1836.

B^d. No. 120	From Ramakistna Saroovacaren the Nattamacar of Verabady Village in the Talook of Maloor in Madura. Rec^d 5 March JB	Praying that the Nattam Meerasy of the above Village may be granted to him as the rightful heir of the late incumbent.	Referred for such orders as may be required to the P^l. Collector of Madura. 10^th November 1836. (True Extract) [signature] Dy Secretary.

Revenue Department.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23^d February 1837.

Para 1. In the Boards' Proceedings under date the 22^d February 1836 a reference was made to Collectors with a view to ascertain whether, as ordered in their Circular letter of the 25^th August 1828, the Head Sheristadar exercised a general control over the Stamp Department, and whether Stamp paper was in any instance lodged in other than public buildings. The sentiments of Collectors were also called for on a suggestion of the Superintendent of Stamps that all Stamp Darogahs should enter their sales in a Book agreeably to a form supplied by the Principal Collector of Cuddapah, and farther that all

Stamped

stamped Papers bearing the Signature of former Collectors or Assistants should be returned to the Stamp Office at Madras twelve months after these functionaries should have left the District.

2. The Board having already desired that the Head Sheristadar shall have the same control in the Stamp as he already exercises in all other Departments, and having besides recorded their disapprobation of the practice of permitting stamped paper to be kept in deposit in the private dwellings of the Venders, deem it only necessary on the present occasion to direct that their orders on these points be hereafter strictly enforced. From the Returns now under observation it appears that in most instances the Stocks of Stampt

Papers

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Papers are Kept at the Huzzoor Trea-
-suries or in an apartment of the Cut-
-cherry, and that generally the same Sys-
-tem prevails in the Talooks; but wher-
-ever an exception exists, the Board
desire that it may be immediately
corrected.—

3- In few Districts have any
frauds been discovered from the clandes-
-tine sale of Stamps, and in these
the loss of Revenue sustained by
Government has been mainly occasioned
by remissness in the local officers in
the manner of taking security from
the individuals entrusted with the
sale— It appears however extremely
desirable in order to preserve regulari-
-ty and to check fraud that the rules
observed in the District Treasuries

should

should be enforced in the Stamp Depart-
ment so far as they are found applica-
ble, and that the receipt and issue of
Stamps should be accounted for as
strictly and the accounts balanced as
regularly as the receipt and expendi-
ture of Public Monies.—

4 - For this purpose it seems -
proper to direct that the Stamps in the
Collector's Office should be examined
periodically at least twice a year either
by the Collector himself or by one of
his European Assistants acting under
his special orders, who should be -
held responsible for the correctness
of the Examination - and in like -
manner Tahsildars should be required
to examine and report at least twice
a year upon the Stamps in their

Cutcherries

Cutcherries or in charge of the several Ven-
-ders within their range - Periodical -
Reports of these Examinations should
be made to the Superintendent of Stamps
at the Presidency in such Form and
at such dates as that Functionary -
may desire. -

5. - Whenever a Collector deli-
-vers over charge of his Treasury, the -
Party receiving charge shall take account
of the Stamps as well as of the Money
and pass his receipt for the same in
the usual manner, and a Tahsildar
or other Native Officer on his appoint-
-ment to a Division should be re-
-quired to take account of the Stamps -
in his Cutcherry or in the Office of the
several Venders as soon after his ar-
-rival as practicable, reporting the same
with the balance of cash in hand in

the

the Talook Treasury.—

6. Considering that Sub Collectors and Assistants sign Stampt papers as well as Collectors and the frequent changes occurring amongst these Officers, the Board are of opinion that the arrangement proposed of returning the Stamps signed by each 12 Months after his removal would be found inconvenient and would besides lead to no useful result.— The accumulation of old papers might, they think, be satisfactorily obviated by the introduction of a rule that the oldest Stamp papers shall be sold first and the Venders required to enter in their sale accounts the number of the Stamps sold by them.—

7. For this purpose a general Return of the Stock on hand should be

called

called for in each District and the Ven-
-ders required to number each class of
Stampt Paper consecutively from the
oldest downwards — In future issues
from the Treasury to the District Venders,
each class of Stampt paper should be
numbered consecutively year by year,
and if the Venders be required to sell
the papers in their order according to the
numbers forwarding their sale accounts
monthly to the Huzzoor, the accumula-
-tion of old Stamps would be effectu-
-ally prevented. —

8. The Board have in these —
Proceedings simply confined themselves
to the Regulation of the Department,
avoiding the discussions of suggestions
for the suppression of frauds prac-
-tised by litigants by means of Stampt
documents.

documents — These suggestions are more properly cognizable by the Judicial — authorities and many of those proposed by the Collectors could not be in=troduced except by Legislative Enactments. —

9. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to all Collectors and to the Superintendent of Stamps for their information and guidance. —

10. Ordered also that a copy be furnished for the information of the — Right Honorable the Governor in — Council with reference to the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th December last and the Board's Proceedings dated 22nd February. —

(A true Extract)

Recd 10th March JB

Th. D. Nicholls(?)
Dy Secretary

Compd [illegible]

Minutes of Consultation 21st February filed in Page 73

Revenue Department 99

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To the Principal Collector of

Re. Madura

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th February and in reply to transmit for your information an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 21st February from which you will observe that Government fully concur with the Board's sentiments on the impropriety of interfering with the customs regarding the management of Pagodas prevailing in your District and adverted to in the correspondence to which you refer.—

Revenue B. Office,
Fort St. George,
27th February 1837—
Do. 28
Recd 3d March [illegible]

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant
[illegible signature]
Secretary—

[illegible]

Revenue Department

Explanation of the Board
Letter 27th February Paragraph 99

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 21st February 1837 –

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th February 1837 –

(Here enter No. 57)

"The Government fully concur with the Board of Revenue in considering it unadvisable in the present unsettled state of the question respecting the management of the Pagoda revenues generally to interfere with the customs prevailing in the Madura District. The caution issued to Mr. Blackburne on the occasion is approved." –

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secretary

Recd 3d March

(A true Copy)

[signature]
Secretary –

Capt. R. Rembigging

Revenue Department

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To

The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to the letter from the Acting Sub Collector in Charge under date the 17th October 1836, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request the account of the Revenues derived to the Temples by the Pearl Fisheries at Manar in Fuslies 1240-1242 and 1244 and at Tutacorin in fuslies 1227-31-37 and 39, which is alluded to in the address from the Manager and Guardian of the Ramnad Zemindary may be transmitted with the least practicable delay.-

2 With reference to this statement and to the opinion you

express

express in para 5 of your letter of the 14th October 1836 on the subject of a commutation, the Board trust that with the information you now possess you will be able to state what amount of compensation might be fairly allowed in lieu of the right of employing Boats in the Pearl Fisheries under the Ceylon Government.

Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St George,
2d March, 1837.
Bd 4
Recd 8th J.B.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
Secretary.

Comp.
[signature]

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Circular

To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

1st Decr 1836

Sir,

In transmitting the accompany-ing Extract from the Minutes of Consulta-tion, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will pay particular attention to the wishes of Government. - Seeds of the Jack fruit it is believed are procurable in your District, if not you will probably be able to procure them from the adjoin-ing Districts - arrangements have been made for obtaining a supply of Seeds or plants of the Bread-fruit tree, which

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which will be sent to you hereafter
for distribution.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
6th March 1837.
Despd. 17 Do.
Recd. 20th J.B.

J. Black
Dy. Secretary

-Comp. A. Lambert

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Revenue Department

No. 1703.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 31st December, 1836.—

Read the following letter.—

To

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

I have laid before the Right Honorable the Governor your letter of the 18th November last, requesting that direc-tions may be given for a supply of Seed of the Jack and Bread-fruit trees being sent to Madras, and I am directed to request that you will acquaint the Right

Right Honorable the Governor in Council
that His Excellency has great pleasure
in complying with his wishes, and sup-
plies will be sent by the first prac-
ticable opportunity.—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Columbo, 7th December, 1836 } (Signed) P. Anstruther Colonial Secretary

Parat. The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council having applied
to the Government of Ceylon and to the
Principal Collector of Malabar for a
quantity of seed of the Jack and Bread-
fruit trees with the view of giving effect
to a suggestion+ of Surgeon
R. Wight for the promotion
of their culture in the
Provinces subject to this
Presidency, resolves, that
on the arrival of the
above

+Extract from a letter from
Surgeon R Wight dated 10th
September 1836.—

"If the Jack contains
the substance (Caoutchone) it would
add another to its I may almost
say invaluable properties in all
places where it abounds — In
Ceylon it is so very abundant that
a very large fruit may be bought for
two

two or three Pice, enough to support two men for a whole day, and is as much prized as a nourishing whole-some diet, that people who are well able to afford a more costly one, use it in preference either alone or made into Curry and eat with rice - The Bread-fruit has also become common there, and is used in the same way, nothing is lost, the fleshy part is eat dressed in various ways, and the seeds after being blanched are made into Curry. I cannot help thinking that the extended introduction of this Tree is a subject worthy of much consideration as a means of guarding against famine - In Coromandel it certainly has to encounter a considerable obstacle in the dryness of the Climate, a moist one being more in accordance with its habits, but it is already known to succeed on the plains, and I have no doubt it would thrive well on the Hills, where the rain is more abundant, and which might be covered with them. It certainly is not uncommon on the Eastern Slopes of the Southern Hills, which I fancy, are not more suitable in that respect than those about Madras. The value of the Timber might prove an additional inducement for making the attempt."

above supplies, the same be transmitted to the Board of Revenue for distribution among the several Collectors -

2 As it is desirable that these trees should be reared along the avenues on the principal high roads as well for the benefit of the inhabitants and travellers as for the improvement of the Country, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is desirous that the local Officers should be particularly instructed to encourage their growth

in

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in such places as much as possible, and as an inducement, to vest in the Cultivator a right to the property raised unencumbered by any public demand, the Board of Revenue will further enjoin the Revenue Officers to take every opportunity of personally communicating on the Subject with the Villagers, to whom it should be distinctly explained that they will be left in the uninterrupted enjoyment of the produce of the trees which have been raised on the Avenues by their labors and care, and that it is not the intention of Government to levy any tax on such trees or on the ground occupied by them.—

3.— The several Collectors should

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should also be required to dis-
-tribute small portions of the seed
to such other individuals as they
may be of opinion would take an
interest in their successful Cul-
-tivation, and to submit annually
a report on the progress in this
description of Cultivation whether
prosecuted on private lands or on
the avenues.—

Ordered that the letter
from the Colonial Secretary at
Columbo be brought to the notice
of the Board of Revenue

(A true Extract)

(Signed) Hy Chamier

Chief Secretary

(A true Copy)

Recd 20 March /13

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Dy Secretary

Comp.d [illegible]

Revenue Department

To,

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Davidson's ~~to be returned~~ endorsement on Petition No. 832 of 1836 (herewith retransmitted) I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will explain whether the Cowle granted by Mr. Peter is in accordance with the terms of the Cowlenamah then generally issued and duly sanctioned and whether any tree-tax is ever levied in addition to the land-tax, and whether you are of opinion that any particular indulgence should be granted

granted to the Petitioners.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed. Serv.

[signature]

Secretary

Revd. Board Office,
Fort St. George,
16th March, 1837.

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th March 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 16th November 1836.

(Here enter No.)

Para 1. On the 15th October 1834 the Principal Collector of Madura brought to the notice of the Board that it had been customary in that District to grant waste lands in exchange for service maunium lands which had become unprofitable to which the Board replied that such grants should not be made without their authority..

2. On the 30th May 1835 the

Principal

Principal Collector submitted a State-
ment of waste lands recommended
to be granted to Enamdars in lieu of
others unfit for cultivation which
was sanctioned by the Board. Again 11th June 1835
he submitted a Statement which in
his letter he described in similar 27th June 1836
terms, and the Board sanctioned 11th Feby 1838
it. This however contained some
new grants to parties who had not
previously enjoyed Maunniums stated
in detail.

3 In the letter now before
the Board a Statement in the same
form is inclosed which is found to
be chiefly composed of new grants pro-
posed to be made to Village Officers
who have not hitherto been in possession
of Maunium lands. The land unfit
for cultivation intended to be given
up consists of Cawnies 44 - 4/4 assessed at

at Rs 96-6 as; the land proposed to be granted consists of Cawnies 319-10½ assessed at Rup.s 801-1-10.

4. It seems to be proper that the Statement should be returned for alteration, by being divided into classes of which the first should correspond with the present heading and should shew the land proposed to be granted in lieu of old Maunium land become unfit for cultivation - the second should shew the land proposed to be granted in addition to parties at present enjoying Mauniums, and should exhibit also the land at present enjoyed, with the meras or Sotuntrums, and the aggregate value - the third should shew the new Mauniums proposed to be granted to parties who had none before with any meras or Sotuntrums they may be receiving. It should be particularly explained whether all the land proposed to

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be granted as waste.–

5. In submitting the Statement remodelled in this manner the Principal Collector should explain upon what principles the remuneration of the Village Officers is regulated in his District, particularly whether there is an uniform System or whether it varies without reference to any certain rule. It is desirable that their remuneration should be exhibited in a table if possible.–

(True Extract)

A. Robertson

Secretary

Recd 29th March J.B.

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Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th April, 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 23d March, 1837.

(Here Enter No. 46.)

Ordered that the following endorsement be made on the Petition alluded to in the foregoing letter, and that a transcript of the same be forwarded for the information and guidance of the Principal Collector of Madura.

No. 332 of 1836.

"Under the explanation of the Principal Collector of Madura the Board decline complying with the Petitioner's request, but are of opinion that the garden tax should be levied on his lands instead of the tax on the trees growing thereon."

(A true Extract)

Secretary.

Compd. [illegible] Rec'd 17th April [illegible]

Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1. In reply to your letter of the 20th February last No. 27. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that the claim to employ the Pagoda Boats in the Ceylon Pearl fisheries should be made as usual, and in the event of the privilege being refused the case can then be taken into consideration.

2. With reference to your letter of 1st June 1835 and the Board order thereon it would seem advisable that the managers of the

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the Pagodas should be left to
make their own arrangements re-
garding the employment of such
boats as the Ceylon Government
may admit into the fishery.

Revd. Bd. Office, } I have the honor to be,
Fort St. George, } Sir,
6th April 1837 } Your most obedt. Servt.

Despd. 7 Do.
Recd. 13th D/S

[signature]
Secretary

Compd. [signature]

Revenue Department.

Extract from a Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India dated 6th March 1837

Para 2. In reply I am desired to state, that it is not usual on this side of India, to make grants of rent-free land avowedly for Missionary purposes. Missionaries being British subjects may obtain lands on the same terms as other British subjects but, as has been already explained, as regards the question of tenures in perpetuity, the new Charter has not made any alteration in the privileges of British subjects.—

Extract

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 4th. April, 1837.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Extract from their Proceedings dated the 30th January last No. 32 in order that the course obtaining in Bengal may be observed under this Presidency.

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secy

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 17th April 1837.

"Resolved also that Extract Para 2 of Mr. Secretary McNaghten's letter and the Resolution of Govern-
-ment be circulated to the

Collectors

Collectors of other Districts for their information and guidance".

To The Principal Collector (True Extract)
of
Madura.

Recd 30th Apl [illegible]

[illegible]
Dy Secretary.

Compd [illegible] Lambert

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Revenue Department

To
The Collector of

Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826 to transmit for your information an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of December last.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
[signature]
Dy Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
17th April 1837
Desp 18 Do
Recd 22nd Do

Madura

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of December 1836.

No.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
1227.	From Ambalavana Pillay Meerasey Curnum of Terro-chendoor &. Davastanums in the Zillah of Madura.	Offers observations on an endorsement of the Principal Collector in his case the propriety of which for reasons assigned he contests.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to reconsider the claims of the Petitioner with reference to the observations advanced in this address. 19th December 1836.

1100. From Appaya Naick Zemindar of Curnevady in the Zillah of Madura.–	Claiming a percentage of lands concealed from the Jummabundy by the Talook authorities.–	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to bring to notice the claim of the Petitioner advanced in this address if it be deserving of attention.– 22d December 1836.–
1101. From Do........Do.–	Prays that he be permitted to execute the repairs of a tank and channel at his own expense.–	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura, who is requested to note by endorsement the order he may pass thereon.– 22d December 1836.–
1238. From Mootooramalinga Lunkaya Naick of Coomaravady Zemindary in the Zillah of Madura.–	Prays that certain Curnums may be removed from Office for proving his conduct and that certain Sums may be recovered from them.–	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to enquire into and dispose of this Petition.– 22d December 1836.
1251. From the Inhabitants of andy Putty Vadaca Putty &c 13 Villages subject to Lencara Talook in the Zillah of Madura.–	Prays for remission on withered Crops.–	The Principal Collector of Madura will take the claims of the Petitioners into his consideration and note by endorsement the orders he may pass thereon.– 22d December 1836.

(True Extract)

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Dy. Secretary.

Recd. 22 April 1837

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th May, 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 22d April, 1837.

(Here enter No. 61)

The Board approve of the measure reported in the foregoing letter.—

(True Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

Recd 9 June

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[signature]

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Revenue Department

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Principal

26th December 1836. Collector of Madura, recommending that the Estate of Mailcotah in that District may be restored to the Zemindar on his paying up the balance due to Government which amounted as shewn in the Statement inclosed in

Mr Blackburn's

Mr Blackburne's letter to Rupees 1789-

6—1 at the end of December last.—

2 It is known to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the permanent assessment having failed in the Pollums in Madura, the lands were generally assumed and an allowance of ten per cent upon the collections made to the Poligars during such time as the lands might be retained in the possession of Government. In most instances the Poligars executed a formal surrender of their lands to Government in consideration of this allowance, but in a few cases, as in Mallcottah, this has not been done from the disinclination

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From Mr Sey
5th Janu

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of the Poligars to relinquish finally their ancient possessions.—

3 The Present Poligar having expressed a wish to resume the Management of his Pollum discharging the balance of Government Peishcush still due on the lands. the Board beg to submit his application with their favorable recommendation. The Estate of Nadoocotta to which Mr. Blackburne alludes was restored by authority of the Board of Revenue to the Zemindar in 1827 on a representation of the late Collector Mr. R. Peter, but on the present occasion it has been deemed proper to submit this application for the sanction of

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the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
13th February, 1837. } (Signed) A. C. Onslow
Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 6th May 1837.—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the restoration of the Zemindary of Mailcotah in the Madura District to the late proprietor on his paying up the balance due on that property to Government.—

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secy.

To the Pre. Collector of Madura
With reference to his letter of the 26 Decr 1836—

(True Copies)

A. C. Onslow
Secretary

Recd. 25 May 37.

Compd. J. Lambert

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Revenue Department

To

The Pl. Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of March last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. D. Parker

Dy. Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
15th May 1837.
Disp. 17th Do.
Recd. 26th Do.

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Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of March, 1837.

No.	Names of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
281 of 1837	From Secundarouten and others of Cottumback of Madacolum Talook in Madura.	Complain of the pressures of the assessment on their Village.	Referred to the Principal Collector of Madura for such orders as may seem to be required. 27th March, 1837.

79/ From China Nuttama Naicken of Coondalcoota Village depending on Madaracoolum Talook in the Zillah of Madura.–	Objects for reasons assigned to the alleged intention of the Principal Collector to appoint one Allegery Naicke to an hereditary Village office.–	The Principal Collector of Madura is requested to take the circumstances stated in this address into his consideration and to pass such orders thereon as may seem to be required.–

Recd 20th May 1837 / JB

27th March 1837.

(True Extract)

R. D. Fillick [?]

Dy Secretary.

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Judicial Department

Extract from a General letter from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors dated 1st June 1836, No. 3.

No. 418 Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 2d May 1837.

21 "Refusal of the acting Collector of Trichinopoly to assist in enforcing the attendance at Puddacottah of Revenue Defaulters to the Circar of the Rajah Tondiman"

64. "The principle avowed by you on this occasion that, "the practice of compelling defaulting "Ryots to return to "the Country from "which they have "fled, is at variance "with the law and "usage of all civilized

35 Ordered that copies of this Para be furnished to the Political Department and to the Board of Revenue for the purpose of being communicated to the several Officers in

"Civilized nations
has our cordial
approbation, and
we trust that it
is acted upon
reciprocally between
our Government
and that of the
adjacent Native
states."

in the Political
and Revenue
Departments in
the Provinces
under this Govern-
-ment, for their
information and
guidance.-

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th May 1837-

Resolved that the Remarks of the Honorable Court contained in Para 64 of their letter

letter be circulated to the several Collectors as directed by Government, for their information and guidance -

(A true Extract)

H. D. Phillips

Dy Secretary -

Recd 7 June 1837 / B

Comp.
J. Lambert

Revenue Department.

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a Printed Copy forwarded to the Sub Collector on the 23 June 31

Circular

To the Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am desired by the Board of Revenue to transmit for the use of your Cutcherry and that of your Sub Collector two Copies of the orders of Government of the 16th Instant in respect to the presentation of Petitions and with reference to the annexed Copy of Para 2 of the Minutes of Consultation of the same date to desire that the utmost publicity may be given to them within the District under your Superintendence. The Board are anxious that it may be fully understood that it

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is not intended that an appeal by Petition to the higher authorities is altogether prohibited but that it must not be resorted to unless redress is denied by the local authorities.-

2 In publishing these rules in the manner directed by Government you will also be pleased to notify to any parties whose Petitions may now be before the Board that as the system has been brought into immediate operation no orders will be passed regarding the subject of their addresses unless they prove to be accompanied by an Endorsement given, or copy of order passed, by the local revenue authority in

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in the event of such seeming to be required, or its appearing that the application should have been preferred to the Collector in the first instance –

3 – In furtherance of the intentions of Government I am directed to call your attention to the necessity of invariably affixing your Official signature to the orders passed on Arzees to your address previous to returning them to the parties from whom they proceed, in which it is now essentially necessary that no delay should occur. –

Revenue B^d Office,
Fort S^t George,
29^th May 1837 –

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Dalzell
Dy Secretary –

Extract

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th May 1837.

Para 2 . As much inconvenience will be obviated both to Petitioners and Public Officers were Collectors required to have these Rules translated into the language of the Districts under their charge in plain and intelligible terms and published throughout their Collectorates by beat of Tom-tom, as well as read and explained to the Ryots when they assemble at the annual settlements, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council further resolves to direct that in furnishing the

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Revenue Officers with copies of these Rules, the Board of Revenue will issue instructions to the effect above mentioned.

(A true Extract)

Recd 20th June [illegible]

[illegible signature]
Dy Secretary.

Compd. [illegible]

RULES RESPECTING PETITIONS.

Whereas the practice of making applications and appeals direct to the Government, who are unable to pass any orders thereon without previous reference to the Departments concerned, is productive of inconvenience to Public Offices, and of delay and disappointment to Individuals; the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to promulgate the following Rules for general information.

Persons having cause of complaint against any Officer of Government, Civil or Military, or his Agents at the Presidency or in the Provinces, shall, in the first instance, seek redress from the Officer in whom the local authority is vested, and that Officer will, in every instance in which he is unable to comply with the requisition, give the Petitioner a written endorsement, or where endorsements are not authorized, a copy of the order, setting forth the grounds upon which it is refused. If the Petitioner is dissatisfied with this decision, he is at liberty to address the Board, or Court, or superior Civil or Military Authority by which the subordinate Officer is controlled; and the Government, in cases in which there is no intermediate authority.

The Government *will not receive* a petition on any matter, unless it shall appear that the Petitioner has already applied successively to the subordinate Officer, and to the Board, or Court, or superior Military Officer, where such intermediate authority exists. The petitions to the subordinate Officer, and to the Board, or Court, or superior Military Officer, or copies of them, and the answers or orders of those authorities respectively, if any have been passed, must be annexed to the petition addressed to Government.

The Government, having passed one order on any appeal made to it, will not notice a second petition on the same subject unless new and important matter be introduced; and anonymous petitions will be totally disregarded.

As the Right Honorable the Governor in Council never interferes with the distribution of subordinate appointments, applications for situations in the gift of Heads of Departments will also remain unnoticed.

Revenue Department.

The proper course for persons having petitions or complaints to make regarding matters belonging to the Revenue Department is to address, in the first instance, the Collector, or subordinate Covenanted Officer to whose charge the matter appertains; in the latter case if the answer or order of the subordinate Officer does not satisfy the complainant, he may address the Collector; from the order of the Collector on a petition or complaint addressed to him in the first instance, or on an appeal from the order of a subordinate Officer, an appeal may be preferred to the Board of Revenue, and eventually to Government; but it is to be understood that it is only in extraordinary cases that Government will interfere in matters which have been considered and disposed of in due course by the local and controlling authorities.

Upon complaints of persons dismissed from Office by Collectors and Sub Collectors, the decision of the Board of Revenue is final with respect to Offices *below that of Head Sheristadar*.

Persons dismissed from the Office of Head Sheristadar, whose dismissal has been confirmed by the Board of Revenue, are at liberty to appeal *through* the Board to Government. Petitions *direct* to Government from such persons will *not be received.*

Judicial Department.

Petitions will *not be received* by Government regarding any matters which form the subject of judicial proceedings in the Courts, or which properly fall within the jurisdiction of the Courts, or containing complaints relating to the administration of civil or criminal justice, in cases in which another mode of obtaining redress is open to the complainant under the Regulations, and in which by the Regulations a subordinate authority is competent to pass a final decision.

In other cases petitions will not be received by Government concerning the administration of civil or criminal justice, or the proceedings of the Officers employed therein, unless it shall happen that the Petitioner has already brought the subject before the proper controlling authority and has not received satisfaction, in which case the petition to that authority, and the order passed upon it, if any has been passed, must be produced.

Government will not receive petitions from persons dismissed from ministerial offices in the Courts: such persons, having cause of complaint, may prefer petitions to the proper controlling authorities, by whose decision they must abide.

Military Department.

The mode and channels, through which all ranks of Effective Military should make known any complaint or grievance to superior authority, are clearly laid down by the Regulations of the Service.

The foregoing general Regulations for petitions are applicable in the Military Department to the following classes:

1. Persons, not in the Public Service, residing within the limits of Military Bazars; Camp Followers.

2. Contractors for Military Supplies; Abkaree Contractors.

3. Military Pensioners.

4. Persons having claims on Government, in any Military Department, either on their own account, or on account of services rendered to the State by deceased relatives.

Fort St. George,
16th May 1837.

Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th June 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 15th May 1837.

(Here enter No. 9)

August 1834. Para 1. In para 30 of Mr Blackburne's report on the Settlement of Madura for Fusly 1243 it was suggested either that the quit rent of the Shotrium Village of Mullepaudy should be reduced to Rupees 700 per mensem to leave a profit to the holder, or that it should be

be included with the ain lands of the District and the Proprietor absolved from farther responsibility. The Village in question was stated to have been originally granted for feeding and assisting travellers. It had been attached since Fusly 1238 from the inability of the Shotriumdar to discharge the quit rent, and it appeared that altho' the whole of the Gross Collections had been invariably carried to the Credit of the quit rent farther balances had annually accumulated against the Shotriumdar.—

2. The second alternative suggested by Mr Blackburne was adopted; the lands were ordered to be incorporated with those of Government and the proprietor was released from the demand which had accumulated on the Village, when on the occasion of the

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the receipt of a Petition from the late

15 April 1837. Shotrrumdar the Principal Collector was desired to report whether the Choultry for the endowment of which the Village had been assigned was so situated and in such a condition as to be useful and convenient to travellers if so, he was directed to state what would be the expense of putting it in an effecient state of repair. To this

22nd April 1837. reference Mr Blackburne replied that it was supposed an outlay of 200 Rupees added to an annual allowance in land of Rupees 118-6-3 would render the building a very useful accommodation for travellers. On the

Proceedings 2 May 1837. receipt of this report the Principal Collector was instructed to submit an Estimate for the repair and to fix the annual expenditure at the lowest practicable

practicable amount.

3 In issuing these instructions the Board have acted on the impression that it would be proper to maintain at the cost of Government a charitable public institution useful to the community for the endowment of which lands had anciently been assigned which had subsequently proved inadequate for its support, but they are now surprised to find that Mr Blackburne considers the building private property and on that ground has declined to recommend the repair of a building which, he says, the proprietor has the right to dispose of by sale the next day if he pleases. They conceived that Mr Blackburne had advocated an outlay of public money on the building in his letter of 15th May 1857

of the 22nd April last and that so far their Proceedings of the 4 May were in accordance with his views.—

4. The Board desire that the Principal Collector will now report fully on the circumstances connected with this institution, by whom founded, the nature of the Charity, and the extent of the Establishment formerly maintained for its support. He will state whether the Chuttry was supported and from what source during the period the Village was under attachment, also whether during that time any allowance was made for the support of the Shotrumdar. It does not appear from the information now before the Board that the Shotrumdar has sustained any injury from the resumption of the Village which

did

did not yield the Government demand, and the grounds should be clearly stated for recommending an allowance in land for his support.

5 Mr Blackburne should also state the grounds for his opinion that the Shotriumdar has a right to dispose of the Choultry by sale. If the building was dedicated by his ancestors to public uses the Board are not disposed to admit the right of a descendant to alienate the Choultry and thereby defeat the object of the Founder.

6. The querulous tone of the Principal Collector's Correspondence in this matter seems altogether uncalled for.

(A true Extract)

Recd 18th June JB

[signature]

Comp. [illegible]

Secretary

Extract from a Dispatch from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 28th September, 1836.

Para 21 To this we may add, that it is of the utmost importance that those balances, which after the utmost efforts of the Collector for the realization of the revenue, may still remain due at the close of the Fusly, should be disposed of with the least possible delay, and that in enforcing the Government demand the greatest care should be taken to avoid trenching upon the resources of the Ryot for the payment of the current revenue, or compelling him from want of means to contract his cultivation. In many, probably in most, cases, it

will

will be found that the payment of a
balance has been made out of the fund
destined to meet the demands of the
Current year, and that the real effect
is merely that of a transfer of the balance
from the accounts of the past year to
those of that in which it was paid.
The suspension of a balance over the
Ryot's head must not only tend to
paralyse his exertions by inducing a
feeling of inability to discharge the
demands of Government and the consequent
inutility of the endeavour, but it will
always be found a ready instrument of
extortion and oppression in the hands of
the District and Village Officers. Upon this
subject we have already had occasion
to address you in para 18 of our
Dispatch

Dispatch dated the 12th August
No 8 of 1835.—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 9th May 1837.—

Para 11 In directing the attention of the Board of Revenue to the orders contained in para 20, they will be desired, in the event of the remarks of Govern=ment quoted in this para on the subject of balances, having been already communicated to the several Collectors for their information and guidance, to circulate now with reference thereto, the valuable observations of the Honorable Court on the same subject contained in the following para.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22d June 1837.

The Board observe that the remarks of Government quoted in Para 20 of the Honorable Court's letter were communicated to the several Collectors on the 12th November 1835.

Ordered therefore that in accordance with the orders contained in Para 11 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under consideration Para 21 of the Honorable Court's letter be circulated with reference thereto.

(A true Extract)

Recd 14 July 1837

Compd

Dy Secretary

Memo: See Ext. 31 July Board's 13 Aug

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Revenue Department

To

The Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Circular orders dated 13th July 1826, to transmit for your information, an Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of April last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Dy Secretary

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
10 July 1837
Desp 19 Do
Recd 25 do

Madura.

Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of April 1837

No.	Name of the Petitioners.	Purport of the Petitions.	Orders of the Board.
√ 336 of 1837	From Cawder Meerah & Rowten and Bauchah Meyah and others proprieters and cultivators of Thavathana-putty, subject to the Talook of Tenkurray in the District of Madura.	Complain their lands have been improperly given on Cowle to another party - also of having been unjustly subjected to a fine of one hundred Pagodas. Pray for enquiry and redress.	The Principal Collector of Madura will be pleased to report by endorsement on the circumstances brought to notice in this address. 10th April 1837
√ 139.	From Pareyacootty Ramy Naick of Pareyacoolum and others of Villages subject to the Zemindary of Valaya-putty attached to the Talook of Mad-dacolum in the Zillah of Madura.	Pray for a reduction of Shist on account of "Thavee" and the refund of what has been already unjustly levied from them.	Referred to the Pl. Collector of Ma-dura who will grant such remissions as may appear to him to be proper & authorized by general rules. 20th April 1837

229 of 1837. From Aroopoocottah Arunappah Pillay Grand son of Aunicappah Pillay of the Village of Callecoody attached to Teroomungalum, in Madura.	Complains of the order passed by the Principal Collector in his case, offers explanation thereon.	The Principal Collector is requested to state with reference to his endorsement of the 6th June last whether the reduced tax was levied from Brahmins at the time of Mr Hurdis' settlement and at what period the increased demands was made and how long the land has been held by Soodras.
Recd 23d July 1837 / J.B.		20th April 1837.

(True Extract)

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Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo I am directed to inform you that the Board sanction the erection of the Choultry at Seelim=:petty, but desire you will intimate to Soobramanapilly that the extent of the grant of Maniem land will depend on the expense he is put to by its erection and the amount of expenditure to be incurred for maintaining the building in a condition serviceable to

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the Public.

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
17th July 1837.
Despd 20 Do
Recd 25th [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

[signature]

Secretary.

Compd.

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Revenue Department

To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant.

2 No documents have been discovered in the Board's records to shew that Mr. Hurdis' decision in the case of the Zemindars of Tavarum and Combay which was approved of by the Board and sanctioned by Government on the dates noted in the margin, has ever since been set aside.

To Govt. 24th Aug 1798
From do 3 Feby ...
To Mr. Hurdis 11th Feby.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

[illegible]
Depy. Secretary

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
20th July 1837
Despd. 26 do
Recd. 31st [illegible]
Compd. [illegible] Lambert

Revenue Department

Circular R

To

The Principal Collecor of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1 It having been suggested as a means of protecting the Ryots from the oppression of Money lenders that in cases of suits for debts due by the former to the latter, unless both parties shall object, such suits shall be tried by Punchayet, under the provisions of Regulation XII of 1816 and V of 1822, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that

that you will state your sentiments upon the expediency of passing a law to that effect.—

2 It has further been suggested that in all suits for debt the cause shall be tried by Punchayet on the demand of either party – that is that the Creditor or Plaintiff shall have the right of bringing the suit before a Punchayet with or without the consent of the Debtor or Defendant, and that the Defendant if the suit against him is instituted in a Court shall have the right to demand that it shall be referred to a Punchayet

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Upon this question also you are requested to state your sentiments.—

Revenue B^d Office,
Fort S^t George,
21^st July 1837.
~~Desp~~ 28 D^o.

Rec^d. 2^nd August

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]
Dy Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 24th July, 1837.

Read the following letter

No 34

To

Secretary to the Board of Revenue
at
Madras

Sir,

I am directed by the Indian Law Commissioners to request that you will lay the following communication before the Board, for the consideration of the Members.

2 The Indian Law Commissioners have had before them certain

certain correspondence between the Calcutta and Allahabad Sudder Courts and Government on the subject of the Rules which have been issued by those Courts for preventing subordinate Judicial Officers from acquiring landed property secretly, or holding it under feigned names. This correspondence was laid before the Indian Law Commissioners by the Government of India in connexion with the more general question of the expediency of rendering all lands liable to forfeiture which have

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been purchased under fictitious names by any parties, whether nati[ve] officers of Government or others. The Commissioners are fully impressed with the inconveniences which result from the common Indian practice of purchasing and holding property in fictitious names, but they feel that it would be unsafe to make a genera[l] change in the existing law on so important a point without a fuller knowledge than they now possess of the circumstances under which the practice has sprung up in every part of India. With this object I am directed to request that you will obtain

obtain the opinions of the Members
on the following points -
1.st Is the practice of holding
landed property under fictitious
names common in the provinces under
the Jurisdiction of your Board?
2.d If so, when did that practice
originate, and what were the circum-
-stances that induced it?
3.d Are there any advantages
in the continuance of that practice
and, if there be, what are those
advantages?
4.th In case of it being deter-
-mined to prevent the continuance
of that practice, what provisions
of

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of Law would most surely and con-
-veniently, and with least risk of
injustice to individuals, effect that
object."

(Signed) J. P. Grant
Offg Secretary.

Indian Law Commission, The 30th June, 1837.

Resolved that a copy of
this letter be transmitted to the
several Collectors in the provinces,
and that they be requested to state
whether the practice alluded to exists
to any extent - submitting at the same
time their sentiments upon each of the
points upon which the Law Commissioners
require information -

(A true Extract)

Recd 12 August JB

A. [illegible]
Dy Secretary -

[illegible] Lambert

Revenue Department

Answered 17th Feby 1838

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 24th July 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 10th July 1837.

(Here enter No. 98)

The Principal Collector will be pleased, with reference to the Board's former orders, to submit a Statement exhibiting the extent, value and dates of all the alienations alluded to in his letter of the 6th Ultimo, as soon as the necessary information has been collected.

Recd. 24th July 37

(A true Extract)

[signature]
Secretary.

Revenue Department

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To
The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir

Para 1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo regarding the assessment imposed on Abbas Ally's Garden, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to call your attention to your previous letter of the 4th August in which was forwarded a Purwanah purporting to have been granted by the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah under which the Petitioner claimed to hold the land free from assessment.—

2. In the translate of this Paper the date is inserted "21st Zilhudge 1218 Higerie"

Tigerie" which would correspond with the ~~English~~ Era 1803 or some years after the death of the Nabob, and the transfer of the Country to the British Government - Possibly however the date above quoted may be an error either of the translator or Copyist - and this the Board are more disposed to consider probable as you have expressed no doubt in the letter which transmitted it that the document of the Petitioner was a valid instrument.

3. You will be pleased to call for the original Purwanah from the Petitioner to whom it has probably been returned and ascertain correctly the precise date

it

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it bears, reporting the same for the Board's information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient serv[ant]

Revenue B[oar]d Office
Fort St George
27th July 1837
Desp[atche]d 29 D[itt]o
Rec[eive]d 2nd Aug[ust] JB

[signature]

Secretary

Comp[are]d A. Lambert

Revenue Department

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No 370

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Madura reporting the erection of a Choultry on the high road from Dindigul to Caroor by an individual named Arnachellem Pillay.—

28th June 1837.

2 The building referred to appears to have been commenced

on

on by permission of Mr. Viveash
when Principal Collector of Madura,
and as it has now been completed
at a cost of Rupees 1000 the Board
beg to recommend that a grant of
78 15/16 Cawnies of waste land liable to
an annual assessment of Rupees 60
may be sanctioned the continuance
of the endowment being made to
depend on the building being main-
-tained in a condition serviceable
to the public.—

Revd. Bd. Office
Fort St. George,
17th July, 1837.
} (Signed) A. P. Onslow.
Secretary.

No. 373

To The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the
Board

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Board of Revenue to request that you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letters from the

Augt. 1836. Principal Collector of Madura
Apl. 1837. relative to the recent erection of a Choultry at Davanapully on the high road from Madura to Dindigul by Anajee Row Tasildar of Shenkurry in that District under the sanction of the Board.—

2 As the building is now reported to have been completed at an expense of more than Rups. 700 and as accommodation for Travellers appears to have been much required at that spot, the Board have no hesitation

in

in recommending that authority be given for the grant of Nunjah waste land to the extent of [illegible] Cawnies $10\frac{3\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ and stated by Mr. Blackburne to be liable to an assessment of Rupees 60 per annum, to be held free of Tax so long as the Choultry is maintained in a condition serviceable to the Public.—

Revd. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
17th July, 1837.

(Signed) A. P. Onslow
Secretary

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 28th July 1837.—

Read the following letters from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated the 17th Instant No. 370 and 373 recommending Grants of

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of land of the annual value of 60 Rupees for the support of each of two Choultries newly constructed in that District for the reception of Travellers at a Cost of 1000 Rupees in one instance, and of more than 700 Rupees in the other.—

Adverting to the Grant

8th July 1836. authorized on a former occasion for the support of a Choultry built at Yamakalapooram in the Madura District which was stated to have cost 850 Rupees, and with reference to the expense incurred on account of the buildings newly constructed on the high road from Dindigul to Caroor and at Davanapully,

the

the Governor in Council considers an assignment of unoccupied land of the annual value of fifty Rupees sufficient for the support of each, and accordingly sanctions Grants to that extent subject to the conditions specified in the above letters.—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secy

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th August 1837.

Ordered that transcript
of

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of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation with copies of the Board's letters referred to therein be furnished to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information and guidance.—

(A True Extract)

Recd. 15th Aug. [illegible]

A L Cleat
Offg Secretary.—

Compd. J Lambert

Revenue Department

Circular

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying printed copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th March 1837 regarding experimental Ploughs.

Revenue Bd. Office, Fort St. George, 7th August, 1837
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Recd. 16th /15

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient Servant,

A. Lalet

Offg. Secretary

Compd. A. Chambert

Judicial Department.

No. 279.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th March 1837.

Read the following Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

No. 605 of 1837.

Territorial Department,
Revenue.

To H. CHAMIER, ESQUIRE,
Chief Secretary to the Government at
Fort St. George.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1024, (Judicial Department,) dated the 6th December last; and to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort Saint George, that the new forms of plough, therein alluded to, as having been recently introduced into the Deccan, is the same as that which is referred to in my letter of the 21st November last, and of which the Porto Novo Company have been requested to supply this Government with four hundred.

2d. I am desired on this occasion to transmit copies of the documents noted in the margin, respecting the successful introduction of this plough; and to state that, if further information be required, the Governor in Council will be happy to afford it, so far as is in his power.

Letter from the Revenue Comr. dated the 14th Novr. and its enclosure No. 1.
Letter from the Rev. Comr. dated 28th January 1837.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) E. H. TOWNSEND,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle,
23d February 1837.

No. 2371 of 1836.

Territorial Department,
Revenue.

To E. H. TOWNSEND, ESQUIRE,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for the purpose of being laid before the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council, a copy of a Memorandum by Lieutenant Wingate of the Engineers, detailing the result of a comparative trial between one of the ordinary Deccan ploughs, and an American plough, composed chiefly of cast iron, which was kindly placed at my disposal by Mr. G. Ashburner.

2d. The Memorandum shews so clearly the great superiority of the American plough, both as regards the quantity and quality of the work done, that I shall not enlarge on the point, further than to say that, I have since learnt from Messrs. Goldsmid and Wingate, that subsequent trials have convinced them, that they had rather under than over-estimated the superiority of the cast iron plough.

3d. Those gentlemen concurred in stating that the Indapoor Ryots, who witnessed the trial were fully convinced of the advantages of the American instrument, and several of them were anxious to purchase it; and declared they would gladly pay for similar ones, could they be got for about 10 or 12 Rupees, so that little or no difficulty could, I should think, be experienced in persuading the Coonbies, in different parts of the Deccan, to give it a fair trial.

4th. Captain Foster having informed me, that he was sending an order for various iron articles, to the newly established foundery of Messrs. Heath and Ballard, at Porto Novo, near Madras, where he had ascertained, that iron work could be supplied, at much cheaper rates than usual; I sent him the iron work of the plough in question, with a request that he would order 400, of a similar shape and size, to be cast, and sent round as early as possible.

5th. Annexed is an extract from a communication from Messrs. Heath and Ballard, stating that they would be able to supply the ploughs at Company's Rupees 10 per plough, or Rupees 4,000 for the 400 ploughs, for which sum, I would earnestly request the sanction of Government.

6th. I should have addressed Government on this subject previous to sending the pattern plough; but as the notice I had of the sailing of the ship, did not exceed a very few days, and the loss of a whole season, would have been the inevitable consequence of losing that opportunity, I ventured to anticipate the positive instructions of Government, on a subject, which seemed so closely connected with the agricultural improvement of the country.

7th. The defects of the plough at present in use, are very clearly stated in the accompanying Memorandum by Lieutenant Wingate, drawn up before I received the American instrument. Mr. Ashburner informs me that the introduction of these ploughs effected a complete revolution

in the agriculture of that part of America, in which they are used, by greatly economizing the time and labour of tillage; and I do not despair of this simple implement also effecting a great improvement here.

8th. In Europe and America, the intelligence and wealth of the agriculturists, quickly and widely spreads a knowledge of improved machinery; but in India, should some cultivator of greater means or spirit than his fellows undertake an improved mode of agriculture, the knowledge of it must be confined to his own immediate neighbours, for the general inability to read and write renders the ordinary modes of communicating knowledge, in more civilized countries, as sealed books to the poor agricultural community of our Indian villages. One of the best ways, if not the only way, of supplying this desideratum is for Government, as is proposed in the present case, to place the improvement practically before the eyes of the people, and to use all proper means of persuading them to adopt it.

2,000 „ „ 9th. I have to request, that Government will direct an order for Rupees two thousand to be immediately given to Captain Foster to be sent by him, as an advance to Messrs. Heath and Ballard.

10th. It was my first impression that, the ploughs should be disposed of gratis; but it now occurs to me, that if the people had to pay for them, many would value them more, and greater care would be taken of them, than if they were to be got for nothing. Several men of substance, have already asked me to get a few of these ploughs for them, expressing a willingness to pay their full price (one individual has commissioned 25); but in the case of the poorer Ryots, it may be necessary to make some small reduction in the price, and in some cases it may be desirable to make an individual a present of a plough. I beg therefore, I may be allowed to act according to circumstances in respect to the disposal and price of the ploughs. The immediate loss to Government cannot be considerable, and compared with the object to be gained must be most trifling.

Rev. Com. Office,
Poona,
14th November 1836.

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Sigd.) THO. WILLIAMSON,
Revenue Commissioner.

No. 1.

The annexed sketch represents the common plough of this part of the Deccan, which, judging from the simplicity of its design and rudeness of its construction, has probably received but little alteration since the date of its invention.

Its faults are manifold and the following have occurred to me, as the most prominent.

The angular space contained between the draught-pole and ploughshare, when the soil is at all moist, becomes quickly choaked with earth, which presents a bar to further progress. To remove this obstruction, the ploughman is provided with a small pick-axe, which he has, often, occasion to use at every 50 or 60 yards, and having at the same time, to remove the plough from the ground, and lay it over on its side; the time and extra labour required for this operation, become of serious consequence. It may be said indeed, that this pause is necessary to rest the cattle, whose exertions whilst dragging the plough are too severe to admit of their being long continued; but this is only further confirmation of the faultiness of the instrument.

This plough has no coulter, to cut the ground vertically, as is considered indispensable in an English plough, and this deficiency occasions, I conceive, another great impediment to draught, by the body of the instrument having to tear open the ground in its advance; and this must be very considerable when the soil, naturally, or from the interlacing of the roots of plants, is of much tenacity. It is likewise, deficient, in any provision, similar to the mould-board of an English plough, for lifting up and turning over the slice of earth cut out by the share and coulter, so that the grass and weeds may be buried and their roots exposed, for the purpose of decomposition. This is of vital importance in a moist climate like England; but, perhaps, may not be of the same consequence here, where, during the dry months, the vegetation of grass, &c. is almost suspended.

The sole piece of iron in this plough, is the share, which is of equally rude construction with the rest, being a kind of rough spear head, attached to a shaft, one end of which is joined into a hole in the body of the plough, and the other secured in its place by a ring passing over the point. The handle or lever, by which the plough is attempted to be guided, is a wretched contrivance, and its position and shape certainly appear so ill qualified to fulfil the conditions required as can well be conceived.

To use this unwieldy instrument, the united exertions of 1 or 2 men, a boy, and from 8 to 10 bullocks, are required, and truly none of them enjoy a sinecure.

The sole recommendation of this plough, as far as I can conceive, is the extreme simplicity of its construction, which admits of its being easily made up by any village carpenter with the common tools of the country.

This consideration, in attempting to devise improvements, it would be well not to lose sight of, for although many of the excellent ploughs now in use in England, would certainly be well adapted for the soils of this country, it may still be doubted whether, the village artizans are sufficiently expert to execute the repairs, even, which from time to time, would be required; leaving their construction out of the question.

The expense, without including the bullocks of a common plough, complete with drag-ropes, &c. of the above description, is from 12 to 15 Rupees; which, I fancy, falls far short of that of

an English one of the cheapest description. The superior durability, however, of the latter, might in some degree compensate this.

Could a new plough be devised, or the present one be modified, so as to get rid of its most glaring imperfections, without destroying its simplicity and putting it beyond the power of village artificers to construct, it would, I think, prove a more easy introduction and lasting benefit, than one of more scientific construction, which, however superior, might be rendered useless, by the effects of any slight accident.

Your's

(Sigd.) G. W.

To H. E. GOLDSMID, Esquire,
&c. &c.

No. 166 of 1837.

Territorial Department,
Revenue.

To E. H. TOWNSEND, ESQUIRE,
Acting Secretary to Government
Bombay.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. 3615) of the 31st December 1836, and its accompaniments, desiring me to furnish the information required by the Government of Madras, relative to the new form of plough, which has recently been introduced in the Deccan.

2d. In reply, I would beg respectfully to refer to my letter to your address (No. 2371) of the 14th November last, and its accompaniments, which contains all the information, of which I am at present possessed, respecting the result of the trial of the plough, as well regarding its qualities as an agricultural instrument, when compared with the common plough of the Deccan.

3d. A sample of the plough might readily be obtained by the Government of Fort St. George, from the Porto Novo Company, who have, I understand, already completed a great part of the 400 ploughs ordered for this Presidency, about half of which were, by the last advices, nearly ready for shipment.

4th. With respect to the encouragement to be held out, to induce the native agriculturists to use the plough, it ought, I think, as I stated in my letter above alluded to, to be confined to placing the relative advantages of the two instruments *practically* before the eyes of the cultivators. With a view to effect this, the ploughs should be distributed to gentlemen, in different parts of this country who take a sufficient interest in the improvement of the native agriculture, to induce them to make such a comparative trial of the ploughs, in presence of the native agriculturists, as shall place the merits of the instruments fairly before them, as was done by Mr. Goldsmid and Lieutenant Wingate at Indapoor; and I have little doubt, but that if the experiment were once fairly made, in such a manner as would be intelligible to the Ryots, some of the latter would quickly be found willing to give the plough a trial in their ordinary field operations, and thus set the example to their more prejudiced or less enterprizing neighbours.

Surat District
Bulsar, R. C. O.
28th January 1837.

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Sigd.) THO. WILLIAMSON,
Revenue Commr.

(True Copies.)
(Signed) E. H. TOWNSEND,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter and of its enclosures be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to para. 5 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 6th December 1836, No. 1022, and that they be requested to suggest the means which they may consider likely to ensure success to the experiments contemplated by Government with the new form of plough brought into operation in the Bombay provinces, and to state the number of ploughs which it will be necessary at the onset to obtain from the Indian Iron Company at Porto Novo.

(A true extract.)
(Signed) HY. CHAMIER,
Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 14th September, 1837 –

Read letter from the Principal Collector of Madura under date the 26th June reporting the arrangements he proposes for the management of the Revenues of the Pyfany Hills –

Board — The Board approve of the settlement concluded with the head men direct for one year as an experiment, in lieu of the renting system which expired with this Fasly.

2 — The appointment of 5 Curnums at a monthly pay of 7 Rupees each appears

necessary

necessary and is recommended for sanction but these officers can only be beneficial to the people if their conduct be eminently watched by their superiors. The Board will also be prepared to recommend for sanction the expenditure incurred for providing accommodations for the Curnums when the amount actually disbursed on this account shall have been reported.—

13 The same observations apply to Mr Blackburne's proposal to purchase seed barley and wheat for distribution to the inhabitants of the Hills. Application for these supplies should be made direct to the Principal Collectors of Coimbatoor and Salem and the amount of Cost reported for special sanction. The Board would also request to be kept informed of the results of the experiment of the introduction of fresh

seed

seed in the Cylany Hills.—

4 The Board think it de-
-sirable that improved instruments of
Husbandry should be introduced, and
they approve of Mr Blackburne's suggestion
for the attainment of this object. The
Principal Collector will submit a
List of the implements required and
specify the number he estimates may
be disposed of. It does not seem to the
Board necessary to supply any other
articles of common use in the manner
proposed as these it is presumed are
acquirable thro' the ordinary Channels
of the Country traffic.—

5 The Civil Engineer of
the division will be requested to report
on the measures which seem necessary
for improving the communication with
the Hills and constructing buildings
for

for the accommodation of travellers and
traders.—

6 The Board are not dis-
posed to recommend the Grant of a
premium to be given on the attainment
of the age of one year by every third and
fourth child in each family as proposed
by Mr Blackburne. As the means and
condition of the people improve the po-
pulation and longevity of the in-
habitants will be promoted.—

Ordered that a Copy of
these Proceedings be submitted for the
consideration and orders of Government
and that a transcript of the same
be furnished to the Principal Collector
of Madura for his information.—

(A true Extract)

Recd 24 Septr JB

A. Robertson
Acting Secretary.

Compd. Schambert

Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Para 1. The claim of Mahomed abbas ally to exemption from taxation and for a refund of the assessment levied on his garden founded on a Purwanah said to have been granted by His Highness the Nabob having been submitted for orders with your letter of the 27th June, I am now directed, by the Board of Revenue to acquaint you that Government have seen strong grounds to believe that the document submitted with your letter

letter, of the 16th ultimo is not a genuine Instrument.

2. The original paper is herewith returned for such inquiry as you may see fit to institute, and annexed is an Extract from Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter, in which the reasons for believing the document to be fabricated are fully set forth. 8th Septr. 1837 Para 2

Revl. Bd. Office
Fort St. George
18th Septr. 1837
Desp. 20 Do.
Recd. 25th Do.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.

A. Scott
Acting Secretary

Extract from a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated 8th September 1837.

Para 2. It is not in the form of an official document; it does not convey any exemption from assessment; the Seal of the Nabob Omdu ool Omrah has been taken from some other paper and attached to this; the entries on the back, which profess to be those of the different Sircar Dufters, are all written in the same hand; and one of the dates has been altered to preserve the appearance of a regular series of entries extending to no less a period than four days, for the registry of a single document consisting

consisting of a few lines only. –

(True Extract)

A. Lalert
Acting Secretary

Comp^d. Schaumbart

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Revenue Department

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your consideration and report the accompanying Petition from Senkara Narrain Sastry, whose claim to the continuance of a Yeomiah allowance was submitted by the late Principal Collector Mr Urwacsh under date the 8 March 1833, and rejected by the Board in Mr Bannerman's letter of the 18th April of the same year.

No 837 of 1837

2 The Board were then led

to

to believe that the allowance claimed was a charge on the Government treasury and not, as now stated, defrayed from the Funds of the Madura Pagodas.

It is now desired to know whether the latter assertion is correct for, if so, and the grant has been one of long continuance, it would seem proper to renew it in the name of the Petitioner.—

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St George
25th Septr 1837
Desp 26 Do
Recd 29th JB

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

A Lob[illegible]
Acting Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 25th September, 1837.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 14th September, 1837.

(Here enter No. 499)

The Governor in Council approves of the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue in the foregoing proceedings to the Principal Collector of Madura, and agreeably to their recommendation sanctions the appointment of (5) five Curnums on a Monthly Salary of Seven Rupees each to be stationed on the Pylney Hills.

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secretary

Extract

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 28th September 1837 -

Ordered that copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government be transmitted to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information with reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 14th September. -

(A true Extract)

JS Recd 11 Octr JS

A Walet
Actg Secretary

Compd Lambert

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2nd October 1837

Read again letter from the Principal Collector of Madura under date the 21st February 1837 forwarding a statement of lands proposed to be granted as Enam to the Nattamgars and Ournums of the Ediacotta Zemindary.

As instructions have been recently received from the Home autho=rities to restore this Estate to the family of the Poligar on terms which will be communicated to the Principal Collector in subsequent proceedings, it is considered unnecessary to submit for the orders of Government the foregoing state=ment. The Zemindar will of course

make his own arrangement on resuming

possession of the Pollium. –

(True Extract)

Recd 8 Octr 9

A. Lobit

A. Secretary

Compd – A. Hambert

Revenue Department

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Extract from a Despatch from the Hon^ble Court of Directors dated 22^d. March, 1837.

Surrender of the Ooricottah Zemindary in Madura by the Poligar.

Para 43 The case of this Poligar appears to be one of peculiar hardship. It is acknowledged that the assessment of the Zemindary is much too high, that certain items were included among the assets on which the permanent settlement was formed which ought to have been omitted; that the Poligar, being then a minor, was incapacitated from offering any objections to the proposed jumma, that he has consequently always held his zemindary at a loss, and been obliged to make up

up the deficiency from his private fortune, and that his disinclination to part from his ancestral property has been his only inducement to continue so long in possession.-

44 He has now for the second time offered to surrender his Estate on condition of the remission of the arrears, amounting to Rupees 34,807, and of the assignment of a Malikana of 10 per cent on the net revenue, for his subsistence, which terms you have accepted.-

45. The Collector proposed that the arrears should be remitted and the Peshcush reduced from Rupees 9,782 to Rupees 7,491, the latter

being

being the amount of the average collec=
=tions of the previous nineteen years.
The Board of Revenue objected to this
arrangement, on the ground that "a
"reduction of the permanent Beriz on
"this Zemindary would give encourage=
=ment to other claims which it might
"not be advisable to admit, but which
"being refused would occasion discontent."

46 We cannot consider the
argument of the Board in this case
as any reason for refusing to perform
a manifest act of justice. The perma=
=nent assessment was fixed at an
amount far beyond what the Estate
was able to pay, and the consequence
is that the representative of an ancient
family

family has been compelled to solicit you to divest him of his hereditary rights and to resume the Estate which has become a burthen to him from the false estimate of it's value taken by your own Officers –

47 It will be sufficient for us to repeat the words which we used on the occasion of the same argument being advanced by the Board of Revenue in a case not materially different from the present – "The claim of Government to it's land "revenue can never go beyond the actual "produce, or capability of produce, of "the land itself – The Board acknow-"ledge that this is the case with the particular

Revenue Despatch dated 13th May (No 6) 1835 para 23 –

"particular Estate of Shenkerry droog; that
"it is the case with most of the other
"Estates in that District, and that from
"the same cause two thirds of the
"Mootahs have already fallen into the
"hands of Government - The ill success
"of the Mootahdarry system we have
"long lamented - But with respect to
"the case before us we are inclined to
"apply the general principle of
"reducing the assessment wherever
"it is found to exceed the capabilities
"of the Estate. With respect to other
"Estates which, according to the Board,
"have an equal title to consideration,
"we must observe that you should
"determine in each instance the claim
"to a reduction of the assessment on
its

"its own particular merits; but we
"cannot authorize you to give retros-
-pective operation to this order by enter-
-taining the claims of individuals
"who formerly possessed Estates which
"have been sold for arrears of the
"public Revenue"

48. You will observe from what we have said that it is our opinion that the arrears due by the Poligar of Ediacottah should be relinquished, and that such a prospective reduction should be made in the amount of the Peshcush as may bring it within his means of payment.-

43 @ 48. With reference to the objections advanced by the Board of Revenue to a reduc-tion of the peshcush of the Ediacottah

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Ediacottah Zemindary in Madura as proposed by the Principal Collector, the Honble Court repeat the remarks made by them in a former dispatch to the effect that whenever it is discovered an Estate has been assessed & beyond it's capabilities, the assessment should be reduced and express their opinion that in the case of the Ediacottah Zemindar the arrears due by him should be relinquished, and such a prospective reduction made in the amount of the Peshcush as may bring it within his means of payment.-

18 The Remarks of the Honorable Court quoted in the 47th para were communicated to the Board of Revenue on the 10th November 1835, and their attention will now again be drawn to the subject with instructions to be guided by them in their future proceedings, and immediately to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the benevolent wishes of the Honorable Court for the restoration of the Ediacottah Zemindary

Zemindary to the late proprietor - the Maumbary Zemindary in the same District which subsequently to the surrender of the Ediacottah Zemindary was under precisely similar circumstances, made over to Government, will also be restored, to the late owner on the like terms. -

+ Letter to the Hon'ble Court dated 9 May 1836 No 9 para 6

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th October 1837 -

Ordered that a copy of these Paras be furnished to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information and guidance - Mr Blackburne will be pleased to take the subject into consideration at an early period and report his opinion on the amount of remission it will be proper to make

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on the Ediacotta Pollum to enable the Zemindar to resume possession with reference to the Principal Collectors letter of the 20th April 1833.-

Mr Blackburne will also report what reduction should be made on the former Peishcush of the Mambary Zemindary with a view to its restoration to the Poligar- The acceptance of the surrender of this Estate it is observed was authorized under date the 4th April 1836.-

(A true Extract)

Recd 17th Octr JB

A. Lolent
Acting Secretary-

Compd. Lchambert

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Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d October 1837 regarding the claims of certain Bramins to 83 15/16 Cawnies of land and recommending that their claims be admitted.

2. The Board authorize under the circumstances stated by you, the restoration of these lands.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Revenue Bd. office,
Fort St. George,
16th October 1837.
Desp 25 Do.
Recd 26th /D

[signature]
Acting Secretary.

Copd. ?Newbigging

Revenue Department.

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To the Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th August conveying further information in the matter of the Mullepandy Chuttrum with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 8th June.—

2. Rungasawmy Iyen the late Shatriandar has recently attended at the Office of the Board, and has been personally instructed to present himself before you, when it is hoped you will be enabled to furnish the information

information regarding the Mullepaudy Chuttrum called for in Para 4 of the Proceedings adverted to in the preceding Para.—

3 If the case of the Shatrumdar should still appear to you to be one deserving of indulgent consideration, the Board will not object to recommend that a small provision be made to Rungasawmy Iyen for life, to enable him to maintain himself and support the charity. The Shotrumdar should however be required to surrender his right to the Chuttrum to Government, with whom on his demise it will remain to be considered on what footing the Charity should

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should hereafter be conducted.-

4 This suggestion was made personally to Rungasawmy Iyen, and it is not supposed that he will offer any opposition to the arrangement.-

Revenue B. Office, Fort St. George, 16th October 1837 } I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Desp 19 Do.

Recd 23 JB

A. B. [signature]

Acting Secretary-

Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th October, 1837.—

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 6th October, 1837.—

(Here enter No. 137.)

As the allowance drawn by the Father of the Petitioner was originally granted from the funds of the Madura Pagodas, the Board are prepared to acquiesce in the Principal Collector's suggestion to continue it during the life of the present claimant provided there be surplus funds belonging to the Meenatchee Pagoda from which the yeomiah can be defrayed, and the officiating Bramins wish the services to be performed.

Ordered

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Ordered that the following endorsement be passed on Petition No 837 of 1837.-

Petitioner is referred to the Principal Collector of Madura to whom instructions on his case have been furnished by the Board.-

(A true Extract)

Recd 30th JB

A L Clark
Actg Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23rd October 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 11th October 1837

(Here Enter No. 141)

Alienations of land by Zemindars, or grants of land on reduced rates of assessment, are clearly unauthorized if made subsequent to the introduction of the permanent settlement, and are therefore liable to resumption when the Estate falls into the hands of Government by sequestration or otherwise, as appears to be

be the practice in the Madura District.
Mr. Blackburne should have explained
why he considers the conduct of the
Sub Collector in this instance to have been
improper, his act having been in accordance
with the system in force and the instruc=
tions of the Principal Collector on other
similar occasions. Mr. Blackburne is now
requested to submit a Copy of the Plaint
filed against him at his earliest con=
venience. The resumption complained of
having been the act of the Officers of
Government, it is not clear in what way
the responsibility can be avoided by the
Principal Collector, and thrown entirely
on the Poligar.

(A true Extract)

A. Falconar
Acting Secretary

PB.

Recd. 2d. Novr. PB.

Compd. Chambers

Revenue Department

No. 572.-

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th October 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 31st March, 1837.-.

(Here enter No.)

Para 1 Ordered that the letter of the Principal Collector of Madura of the 31st March last together with the correspondence noted in the margin — connected with a proposition for grant[ing] new lands to certain Village Officers in that district be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

From Pl. Collr. 16th Novr. 1836. Proceedings 20 March 1837.

2 It will be observed from this correspondence that up to 1834 it was

was customary in Madura for the Collector without reference to Superior authority to grant waste lands in exchange for Service Maunium lands which had become unprofitable, but that this system was then ordered to be discontinued and no further grants of this nature to be made without the sanction of the Board of Revenue had been first obtained.

To the Pl. Collr. 27th October [illegible]

In pursuance of these instructions applications were submitted by the Principal Collector on the 30th May 1835 and 27th January 1836 for grants of land, the latter containing some new grants to parties who had not previously enjoyed maunniums, and these were on both occasions approved

From the Pl. Collr. 30th May 1835.
To do. – 11th June
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of and sanctioned by the Board of Revenue.–

3 Again in November 1836 the Principal Collector submitted an application for lands to service Inamdars which in his letter were stated to be in lieu of other now unfit for Cultivation, but on examining the statements it was found that a small portion only of these were in lieu of lands become unproductive The Chief portion was composed of new grants in addition to old ones considered insufficient and of lands proposed to be assigned to officers not now in possession of Government lands. The extent of land proposed to be assigned in lieu of that unfit for cultivation

cultivation is shewn to be Cawt. 41 - 6¼ A
assessed at Rupees 96-1-4 while the
extent and value of the additional
and new mauniems in the aggregate
is Cawnies 270 - 4 A bearing an assessment
of Rupees 686-1-7.-

4 On this subject further information was called for in the proceedings of the 20th March last - which is afforded in Mr. Blackburne's letter now submitted, and the Board considering the explanation afforded by the Principal Collector to be satisfactory, accordingly resolve to submit this correspondence for the orders of Government with a recommendation that the grants to the extent noted in preceding Parah be now sanctioned.-

5 It will not fail to be observed

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* This is understood to be land not at present in cultivation but not old waste.

by Government that with the exception of Cawnies 15 – 13 *As* the whole extent of land proposed to be assigned is old waste and that the new Maunioms are chiefly for Maddyens in the Teroomungalum Talook where Nunjah has been converted during the last 15 years and where the services of these people in opening sluices and securing water in Tanks are in consequence stated to be absolutely necessary.–

(A true Extract)

(Signed) C. B. Smollett

Acting Secretary.–

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 30th October 1837.–

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize

grants

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grants of land to the extent recommended by the Board of Revenue in para 3 of the foregoing proceedings in remuneration to Village Officers and in exchange for other service lands which have become unprofitable or unfit for Cultivation, in the Madura District.

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2d November 1837.

Ordered that copy of the Board's Proceedings of the 12th October, with transcript of the foregoing orders of Government thereon, be furnished to the Principal Collector of Madura for his information, with reference to his letter of the 31st March last.

(A true Extract)

Recd 12 Novr

[signature]
Actg Secretary.

Compd [illegible]

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Revenue Department

Circular.

To,

The Principal Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you for your information and guidance, the accompanying printed copy of Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 8th February 1837 and 14th September 1836.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.

[signature]
Actg. Secretary.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
2nd November 1837.

Disp. & Dc.
Read 12 [illegible]

[illegible] Archambault

EXTRACT *from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 8th February* 1837, *No.* 2.

46. The re-employment of Native Servants dismissed for recorded misconduct without the previous sanction of Government prohibited. Correspondence with the Collector of Tanjore on the subject.

Para. 22. We entirely approve of the Circular Order to the effect stated in the margin, which you directed to be addressed to all the Collectors under your Presidency. The necessity for such an order shews that the practice of dismissing Native Servants from office on grounds so slight, that after the lapse of a few months the Collector does not hesitate to re-admit them on his establishment, was more prevalent than we apprehended when we addressed to you the remarks contained in paragraphs 30 to 35 of our Despatch dated the 14th September, No. 15 of 1836.

23. With respect to the two Tahsildars in Tanjore, whose cases formed the subject of the correspondence transmitted with this paragraph, the Board of Revenue state that the sentence of dismissal which was pronounced on one (Puttabee Ramein), was not warranted by any thing in the proceedings, and would undoubtedly have been annulled on appeal, not only from want of evidence but from irregularity; and with regard to the other (Vencapyen) no trace of any examination of witnesses was to be found, nor did it appear that the accused had any opportunity of impugning the genuineness of the accounts, the alleged falsity of which procured his conviction.

24. Under these circumstances, with reference to the subsequent good conduct of both the individuals concerned, we approve your not having given in their case a retrospective effect to the order in question.

25. The severer penalty which by this order is attached to the offences of Native Servants, should render the Collectors generally more careful in conducting investigations of this nature than they appear hitherto to have been. We have on several occasions had reason to lament the unfitness so frequently displayed by Revenue Officers, in dealing with evidence or conducting any enquiry in the nature of a judicial proceeding.

Revenue Department.

EXTRACT *from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated* 14*th September* 1836, *No.* 15.

35 and 36. Observations on the frequent changes of Tahsildars in Chingleput, Circular order issued to Collectors prohibiting them from dismissing Tahsildars without the sanction of the Board of Revenue.

30. We consider that frequent changes in the administrative Officers in the Revenue Department constitute an evil of considerable magnitude, and we have on various occasions expressed our opinion that the interests of the public service are often materially injured by the removal of Collectors to other districts, just as they are beginning to acquire that local knowledge and experience without which it is hopeless to expect that their duties can be satisfactorily discharged.

31. This evil, which flows in part from the very constitution of our Service cannot be altogether remedied; but we conceive that nothing would tend to render its effects less sensibly felt, than the existence of a body of Native Servants whose long employment in the Provinces may supply them with that local knowledge in which the Collector must be too often deficient.

32. It is evident that such a body of Servants can never exist under a system similar to that which is described to prevail in Chingleput, where the Collector himself admits that, under the pressure of business, it is often impossible to institute the necessary enquiries, and consequently "slender grounds" must frequently be considered sufficient to justify the removal of a Tahsildar. "All Natives," he adds, "when they accept office as a Revenue or Police Servant, in the Talooks especially, are well aware of the frail tenure by which it is unavoidably held—a long incumbency is not calculated upon by many. Their removal does not surprise them. They fall back very often without complaint into their former subordinate situations, or disappear for a time in the multitudinous throng of Omeedwars with which the neighbourhood of all public Cutcherries is crowded. They seldom remain long in obscurity, unless want of integrity, or some other moral stain, had marked their previous conduct. The same means of entering the service again, and the same chances of promotion, are open, as before, and they recommence their career without any feeling of degradation, because they feel they belong to a class most of whom have either been, or are liable to be placed in a similar predicament."

33. The state of things described in the preceding extract is deeply to be deplored. As long as dismissals are permitted upon grounds so slight that dismissal is not regarded as a degradation either in the eyes of the parties themselves or in those of the community, and is not considered

to create any disqualification for future employment, it cannot be matter of surprise that Natives of character and respectability should hesitate to accept offices from which they are liable to be ejected, not from any fault of their own, but from the misinformation, if not the caprice, of their European superior.

34. We entirely approve of the circular which you have caused to be addressed to the Collectors generally, in which you have directed them, with the view of counteracting the public evil which arises from the precarious tenure by which Native office is held, to use all their endeavours to inculcate in their servants "a feeling of self-respect and an assurance that the administration "of our Provinces as it relates to the employment of high Native Officers, instead of being a "system of expedients, uncertain and fluctuating, is founded upon the principle of giving honor-"able and durable employment to men of the highest character and consideration in the country."

35. The order prohibiting Collectors from dismissing Tahsildars from the service of Government without the sanction of the Board of Revenue, appears to be highly proper. We would further suggest whether it would not also be expedient in the case of those Native Servants of lower grades, over whom the Collector still retains the power of dismissal, that he should be required to report all the instances in which that power has been exercised, with his reasons, for the information of the same authority.

(True Extract.)
P. B. SMOLLETT,
Acting Secretary.

Recd 12 Novr 1837 / JB

Revenue Department.

Circular

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura.

Sir,

Para 1 The Board of Revenue having been required by Government to submit their sentiments on the necessity or otherwise of continuing to issue grants of waste land for the support of choultries erected by private individuals under this Presidency direct me to call your attention to the circular letter from this Office under date the 20th August 1829.

2 You are requested to state whether you consider the continuance of the grants of waste land for the support of choultries

choultries built for the accommodation of
Native Travellers under existing rules
is required in your District to encourage
the erection of useful Establishments in
situations whether their want is felt, or
whether works of this nature would not
be provided and maintained in sufficient
numbers thro' the exercise of private
benevolence, and without the necessity of
public aid.-

3 The Board will be happy
at the same time to receive any suggestions
you may wish to offer for modifying or
improving the rules on this subject which
are now in operation in the Provinces.-

Revenue Bd. Office, Fort St. George, 6th November, 1837
Desp. 16 Do.
Recd 20th
Comp. [illegible]

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant
[illegible]

Revenue Department 763

Circular

To

The Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying copies of a correspondence with Government on the subject of the assessment on lands cultivated with Sugar Cane with a view to the introduction of a uniform principle of assessment as regards that product as far as practicable throughout this Presidency.

To the Chief Secy to Govt 12th June 1837
To the Chief Secy 21st Septr "
From Do 11 Octr "

2 In the Districts where the

the survey fields assessment is introduced
it is believed that the lands have in-
variably been assessed without reference
to the species or value of the crop
and that the same tax is collected from
the same land whether the produce
be Sugar or Rice. In these therefore
no change in this respect will be
made, but it will be seen that in
other districts subject to annual
settlements in which the assessment
on the fields has not been fixed by
survey it is the desire of Government
in accordance with the wishes of the
Honorable the Court of Directors, that
land cultivated with Sugar Cane by ir-
rigation should be taxed hereafter in
the same manner as land employed in
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the cultivation of Rice..

3. You will be pleased to give effect to the views of Government in this respect without delay..

Revᵉ Bᵈ Office, Fort St. George, 13ᵗʰ November 1837 } I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedᵗ Servᵗ

Despᵈ 29ᵗʰ Do.
Recᵈ 4ᵗʰ Decr

J. Wroe(?)
Acting Secy.

Compᵈ. A Lambert

Revenue Department

No. 295

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 31st March last No. 421, transmitting copy of a letter from the Government of India requiring explanation as to the practice followed under this Presidency in respect to the assessment of land cultivated with Sugar cane with a view to the introduction of one uniform principle of assessment as regards that valuable product throughout the British possessions in India:—

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2. In the opinion of the Governor General in Council, the most correct principle of assessing land appropriated to the growth of Sugar, is that prescribed by the Honorable Court of Directors to the Bombay Government Vizt that "such lands should be subject to the same assessment as land of the same quality and advantages under ordinary Crops." — Dispatch dated 18 July 1856

3. In the Districts under this Presidency Sugar cane is usually cultivated on irrigated land, and in those Districts in* which the Survey field assessment has been introduced, the assessment of lands appro=priated to the growth of that article, is pre=cisely on the principle prescribed by the Honorable Court. The lands have been assessed without reference to the species or value of the crops produced, and the

* Bellary
Cuddapah
North Arcot
South Arcot
Salem
Madura
Coimbatore
Chingleput (part)
Tanjore (partly)

the same tax is collected from the same land whether the produce be Sugar or Rice.—

4 When irrigated land assessed for two Crops is planted with Sugar cane, no additional assessment is charged, but when land assessed for one Crop is used for this kind of cultivation, as it requires constant irrigation throughout the year, it is assessed with an additional rate, usually half of the assessment for one Crop, in the same manner as if a second crop of Paddy were raised upon it, and upon the same principle on account of the additional quantity of water required for it and which is supplied at the expense of Government.—

5 As the Sugar cane requires a

rich soil, and land situated near the Villages is preferred for the more easy custody of the Plantation, it is commonly confined to classes bearing the higher rates of assessment - It may be said in general not to be cultivated in lands assessed below 14 Rupees the Cawney of 57,000 square feet, nor above 32 Rupees the Cawney. The maximum & minimum rates of assessment of lands yielding two Crops of Paddy, and the average per Cawney of the whole amount resulting from these rates as applied to the whole extent of cultivation, are shewn in the Margin.-

	Maximum rate per Cawney			Minimum rate per Cawney			Average per Cawney of the total amount of assessment upon all the two crop lands		
	Rs	F	P	Rs	F	P	Rs	F	P
North Arcot	30	15	3/4	5	5	9	17	9	8½
South Arcot	38	11	3/4	3	8	"	10	1	7½
Madura	19	11	5	2	6	3	9	2	2
Coimbatore	22	"	6	7	5	6	10	14	"
Salem	24	1	"	"	11	8	9	11	3
Cuddapah	43	6	2	"	13	10	12	5	10
Bellary	40	7	10	"	15	5	10	11	5
Chingleput	"	"	"	"	-	-	14	1	3
Tanjore	24	10	8	1	"	"	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

6 In Malabar and Canara the Sugar cane is cultivated at the pleasure of the Proprietors of Estates without any additional charge upon the land.—

Chingleput (partly)
Tanjore (partly)
Trichinopoly
Tinnevelly
Nellore

7 In the Districts subject to annual settlement, in which the assessment has not been fixed upon the fields by survey, and in the permanently settled Districts, the tax on sugar cane and other extra, and valuable products varies according to the customs and usages of the different Villages, the money assessment having originally been deter=mined with reference to the value of the crop — In Chingleput in the Talooks not yet assessed by survey the rates for Sugar Cane vary from 43 to 28 Rupees per

Ganjam
Vizagapatam
Rajahmundry
Guntoor
Masulipatam

per Cawney of 57,000 square feet - but

these will shortly be superseded by a

fixed field assessment - In Trichinopoly

the rates vary from 28 to 9 Rupees, and

in Tinnevelly it varies from 82 - 14 to 8 - 13 (Rs A)

per Cawney - but in these Districts a

plan is under consideration for fixing

the assessment upon the fields without

reference to the species of Crops grown,

and it is in contemplation generally to

make the system of taxation uniform in

the Districts subject to annual

Settlement —

8 It would be easy at once

to make it a general rule in these

Districts that land cultivated with

Sugar cane by irrigation should be

taxed

taxed in the same manner as land employed in the cultivation of Rice. –

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
12th June, 1837.

(Signed) A. P. Onslow.
Secretary

No. 523

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to the injunction conveyed in the 2d. Para of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th Instant I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that they may be informed whether the particular suggestion offered in the 8th Para of the letter addressed to you under date the 12th June last

last is approved by Government, and may be acted upon.—

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
21st September 1837

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Ag. Secretary

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 11th October, 1837:—

Under the explanation afforded by the Board of Revenue in their Acting Secretary's letter of the 14th August last, the Governor in Council sees no reason to disapprove the suggestion offered in the concluding para. of the previous letter of the 12th June, and is pleased to order it to be adopted.—

(Signed) Hy. Chamier
Chief Secretary

(True Copy)

Recd. 4 Oct 1837

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Ag. Secretary

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